



April 17, 2014

Honorable United States Senator Dianne Feinstein
331 Hart Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20510

Honorable Representative John Garamendi
2438 Rayburn HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Senator Feinstein and Representative Garamendi:

On behalf of Friends of the Marsh Creek Watershed (FOMCW), I am writing to support pending federal legislation *S.228* (Feinstein) and *H.R. 1004* (Garamendi) – *The Sacramento–San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area Establishment Act*.

The Friends of Marsh Creek Watershed (FOMCW) is a community organization whose mission is to protect, conserve, and restore the Marsh Creek and its tributaries, and to inspire appreciation and conservation of the Marsh Creek Watershed. The watershed falls within the boundaries of the proposed Delta NHA, and we recognize NHA designation as a means to heighten awareness and visibility of the Delta's unique natural and cultural heritage; and draw more attention to some of the Delta's current challenges which could help lead to increased stewardship of this resource which is critical to the state of California.

We have partnered with the Delta Protection Commission (DPC) on past Coastal Cleanup Day efforts, and support the DPC serving as the NHA management entity as proposed in the Federal legislation. If NHA designation does occur, we are interested in further discussion with the DPC on potential partnership activities which could support both of our efforts.



Please let us know if you have any questions or comments. Once again, FOMCW supports pending federal legislation *S.228* (Feinstein) and *H.R. 1004* (Garamendi) to designate the Sacramento–San Joaquin Delta as a National Heritage Area. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Diane Burgis
Executive Director
Friends of Marsh Creek Watershed

cc: Erik Vink, Delta Protection Commission